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SUBJ: REINFORCED NAC ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: USNATO 6960 (NOTAL, STATE 300404 (NOTAL)

1. DURING DECEMBER 23 POLADS MEETING, CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM) RECALLED THAT CANADA HAD PROPOSED JANUARY 23 AS DATE FOR REINFORCED NAC ON THE MIDDLE EAST (USNATO 6960). HE POINTED TO DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS DATE: NPG WILL MEET IN HAMBURG ON JANUARY 21/22, AND SYG LUNS WILL BE AWAY ON JANUARY 23.

2. DRAWING ON STATE 300404, US REP INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON COULD NOT ATTEND REINFORCED NAC ON JANUARY 23 AND SUGGESTED EARLY FEBRUARY AS ALTERNATIVE TIME. HE SAID US WOULD SUGGEST EXACT PREFERRED DATE AS SOON AS IT COULD BE FIXED. FRG REP (CITRON) SUPPORTED US PROPOSAL FOR LATER DATE.

3. CANADIAN REP (HERMAN), ON PERSONAL BASIS, THOUGHT OTTAWA WAS CONCERNED ONLY THAT REINFORCED NAC SHOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHEDULED VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST BY EXTAFF SECRETARY MACEACHEN. HE BELIEVED THIS AUTHORITIES COULD SUPPORT ANY DATE AFTER THE MACEACHEN VISIT AND WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BY A POLICY-CONFIDENTIAL

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LEVEL OFFICIAL FROM OTTAWA.

4. FRENCH REP (RENOUARD) STATED THAT HER AUTHORITIES WERE NOT CONVINCED THAT REINFORCED NACS ON AREAS OUTSIDE NATO

SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE. FRANCE WOULD FOLLOW ITS ESTABLISHED
PATTERN OF BEING REPRESENTED AT SUCH A NAC BY ITS PERMREP.

5. THE CHAIRMAN REMARKED THAT A CONSENSUS SEEMED TO EXIST
FOR A FEBRUARY MEETING. HE REQUESTED THE US DELEGATION TO
INFORM OTHER DELEGATIONS OF ITS PREFERRED DATE, IF POSSIBLE
BEFORE THE NEXT POLADS SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 6.
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